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Hi Dennis,

Sheila, Linda, Michael and I listened in to the call this morning. I think you know the visitor groups but just in case, they are listed in the attachment.

We heard pretty much the same story as the last few Wayne Natri facilitated meetings. The Gunnar Knapp econ study has been finalized showing the commercial fishing industry is worth \$1.5B nation wide. Brian Kraft and Bob Waldrop both stressed the fear of fishing companies to invest in planes, boats etc because of the uncertainty shrouding their future. They are very concerned that the BB "brand" of "Wild, Sustainable and Natural" will be tainted. The commercial fisherman are talking to NOAA about a permit buy back program. Permit value is dropping and permit values are an indication of the net present worth of the fishery. BBNC folks also talked stressing the long time they have been struggling against the potential mine and the great uncertainty. They all stressed that we need to hurry to get the assessment out then move forward with more action. They also all reminded us that they invited us into this issue. They will be meeting with the WH and congressional committee people on both sides of the aisle. Bob S. indicated we are ready to go with the Assessment and hopeful that we can release it in the next couple days.

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